

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-4 are pending in the Application. Claims 1-4 are submitted to clearly distinguish patentably over the cited references for the reasons discussed hereafter. No new matter is involved.

Beginning at the bottom of page 2 of the Office Action, claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Soon-Hun KR 1999-005761. Beginning on page 5 of the Office Action, claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Soon-Hun KR 1999-005761 in view of U.S. 20010055064 of Minakami. Beginning on page 7 of the Office Action, claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Minakami '064 and Soon-Hun '761 in view of U.S. Patent 6,275,262 of Ito. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

As described beginning at line 21 of page 10 of the Specification, the present invention provides the feature that first and second setting data for designating the driving conditions for the first and second solid image capturing elements 20a and 20b are stored into the register 30. With this arrangement, it becomes unnecessary to rewrite the content of the register 30 at every occasion of switching of operations of the first and second solid image capturing elements 20a and 20b, such that the switching of operations of the first and second solid image capturing elements 20a and 20b can be performed smoothly. It should be noted that a driving condition of a solid image capturing element is, as described in the paragraph beginning at line 12 of page 6, setting data for generating a driving clock for driving the solid image capturing element, and includes, for example, data that determine the driving capability of the first drive circuit 21a.

Soon-Hun KR 1999-005761 discloses a camcorder including a first CCD 102 and a second CCD 103, in which a switching unit 104 alternately selects outputs from the first CCD 102 and the second CCD 103, and the selected output is

displayed on the viewfinder 106. The memory 109 serves to store a setting value for the control unit 108 that controls the switching unit 104, i.e. a setting value for controlling display on the viewfinder by the switching of the switching unit 104. Soon-Hun nowhere describes that the memory 109 stores setting data for controlling drive of the first CCD 102 and the second CCD 103. As such, the cited references fail to disclose a register that stores first and second setting data for designating driving conditions for first and second solid image capturing elements. Therefore, the present invention cannot be derived from the Soon-Hun KR reference, taken alone or in combination with U.S. 20010055064 of Minakami and U.S. Patent 6,275,262 of Ito. The attempted combination of Minakami and Ito with Soon-Hun does not overcome the deficiencies of Soon-Hun in showing or suggesting the basic features of the present invention defined in claim 1.

Claim 1 defines an image capturing device which comprises a first solid image capturing element, a second solid image capturing element, a driving control circuit and a register for storing first and second setting data. The register is characterized as "for storing first and second setting data which respectively designate driving conditions for the first and second solid image capturing elements". Therefore, claim 1 is submitted to clearly distinguish patentably over the cited art.

Claims 2-4 depend from and contain all of the limitations of claim 1, so that such claims are also submitted to clearly distinguish patentably over the cited references.

In conclusion, claims 1-4 are submitted to clearly distinguish patentably over the prior art for the reasons discussed above. Therefore, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

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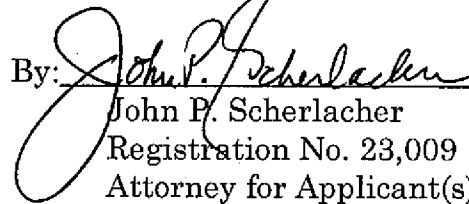
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If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles, California telephone number (310) 785-4764 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

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Respectfully submitted,
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